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THE U.S. EMBASSY IN DUSHANBE REQUESTS PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR THE 2010 DEMOCRACY COMMISSION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

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The U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe announces a new request for proposals under the 2010 Democracy Commission Small Grants Program. The purpose of the program is to award small grants for specific projects that support the development of democratic institutions in Tajikistan. Primarily, grants will be awarded to non-governmental, non-profit organizations (NGOs). The amount of a grant must not be more than \$24,000 (USD), but the Commission will give priority to applications that offer implementation of a similar project with a lower budget. To be eligible for consideration, every applicant must be engaged in, or propose to carry out, a project the purpose of which is to promote the development of democratic institutions in Tajikistan. The Democracy Commission Small Grants Program has existed in Tajikistan since 2001.

The U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe will accept proposals for consideration of the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program for the following themes:

- Promoting civil society;
- Fostering a Strong and Independent Media;
- Public education and advocacy including civic education;
- Increasing Environmental Awareness including promoting use of alternative energy;
- Supporting market economy;
- Promoting ethnic, minority and women equality.

Proposals should contain clearly formulated goals and target groups, and show the ability of the applying organization to carry out the project aims. Proposals should be submitted in English only to:

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Note: Projects with a computer based English translation will not be accepted.

The U.S. Embassy Democracy Commission Grant Program is limited to organizations based in Tajikistan. Projects **NOT** funded by the U.S. Embassy Democracy Commission Program include those requested by non-Tajikistani organizations, those relating to partisan political activity, charitable activity and humanitarian aid, fund-raising campaigns, commercial projects, those involving individuals not affiliated with an organization that can provide long-term sustainability to the project, and those that duplicate existing projects.

Grant application forms are available on our web site <http://dushanbe.usembassy.gov/demcom.html>. They can also be obtained in the U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe or by email. If you have additional questions or need consultation on your project proposal please contact the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy by the numbers above on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 12:00.